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New England Deaconess Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Central Building Going Up!

Growing Pains

"Patients, patients everywhere and not a place to put them," has been the complaint of the New England Deaconess Hospital for many years. Although a shortage of beds has plagued our Hospital during its 69 years of operation, the problem has never been more acute than it is now. Every day those critically ill with complicated medical and surgical problems are turned away because we have no room. We must have more space and more flexibility to meet the needs of our medical staff and their patients. At a recent meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to embark upon a major building program.

Relieving the Strain

A consultant was employed to study our present plant, its facilities, our relationship to other hospitals in the area, the needs of our medical staff and the space that will be needed in the future. Three of the more important recommendations were:

1. The size of our hospital must not be limited. We must meet the needs of the medical staff or they will be forced to seek other affiliations.
2. The area now occupied by the old Deaconess Building should be made available for future expansion. It has outlived its usefulness as a patient building and the 139 beds now there must be replaced. Until we embark on a second phase of construction, Deaconess can be used for other types of facilities.
3. Immediate steps must be taken to complete the Central Building, to provide a larger Recovery Room, a more adequate Intensive Care Unit, and as many new beds as possible.

At the time Central Building was planned, it was to be a ten story building. Unfortunately, the shortage of funds in the immediate post-war period made it necessary for us to limit the height of the building to five stories, and to leave the wing extending toward the Deaconess Building only partially completed. Foundations for a larger building were installed, additional elevator shafts and

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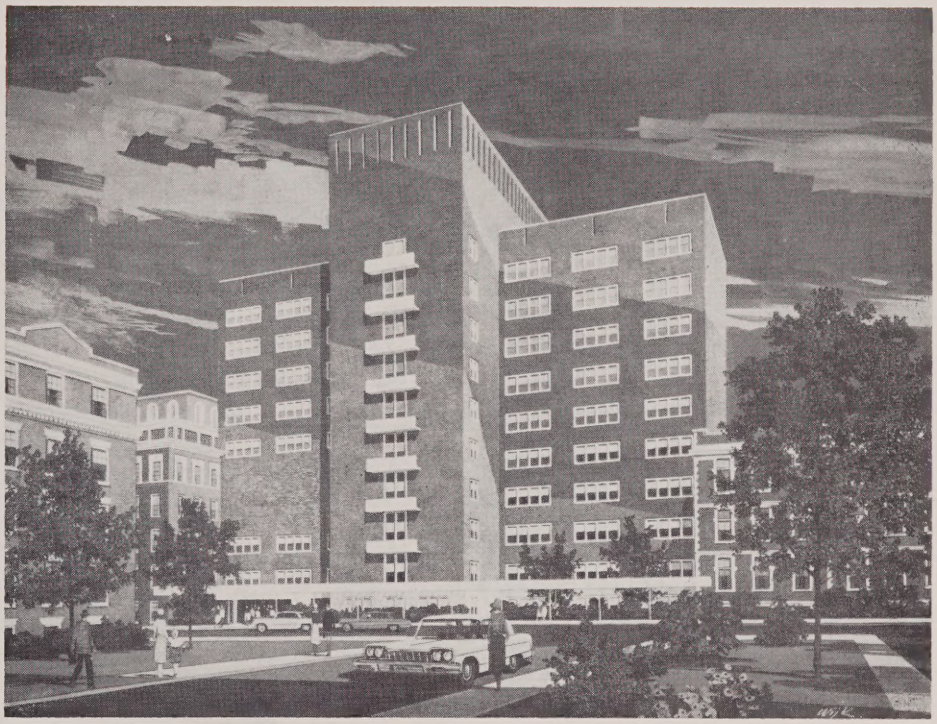

An Artist's Sketch of the Proposed Building

CHRISTMAS

25 DAYS PAST, 340 TO GO

The employee Christmas Party was the most exciting event during Christmas Week at the Hospital. On the afternoon of Wednesday, December 22, the cafeteria was alive with an atmosphere of humming hilarity. Art Rubin, the famous New England Orchestra Leader, prodded everyone to sing while he played Christmas carols and some other "old favorites" on his accordion. Mr. Howard A. Charbonneau, Maintenance Department, delighted us all with a solo of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Mr. Rubin accompanied the Glee Club from Pathology during their performance. Many compliments were bestowed upon Mr. Vernon S. Truell and the group, especially for their caroling in the halls. Next year, the Glee Club, which has doubled since last year, may be enlarged to include other departments.

The Dietary Department really out-did its past accomplishments. A long buffet table was embellished with decorations

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PATHOLOGY LAB SPONSORS WORKSHOP

Medical problems that used to be confined to tropical and semi-tropical areas are affecting us in Boston. There are more foreign and exchange students, as well as, cosmopolitan travelers who return from exciting tours of Africa, South America or the Far East suffering under the duress of an unwelcome intestinal parasite, acquired from contaminated food, soil or water. For example, the famed war-correspondent and Pulitzer Prize winner, Miss Marguerite Higgins, died recently in Washington D.C. of complications resulting from a tropical parasite. Identification of such parasites presents a training problem to pathologists and medical technologists, who have had little occasion to recognize their presence in the New England states.

The Laboratory of Pathology at the New England Deaconess Hospital sponsored an all-day workshop for Massachusetts hospitals on December 2 to provide some practical knowledge of and

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A SPECIAL WELCOME

DR. SKINNER

Joining the group of pathologists here is Dr. David Skinner, Pathologist and Director of Laboratories at Newton-Wellesley Hospital since 1945. With experience in general pathology and certification in anatomical and clinical pathology, he is a welcome addition to the laboratory staff. Dr. William A. Meissner, Pathologist - in - Chief, says that Dr. Skinner, in addition to being in charge of bacteriology, will contribute to many different areas in the labs.

DR. DAVID SKINNER

Originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, Dr. Skinner was graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota and Harvard Medical School. He interned at the Newton Hospital and was a resident at Mallory Institute of Pathology of Boston City Hospital. After completing his residency training in Pathology at the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals, he was assistant pathologist there. Before accepting the position at Newton-Wellesley, he was the pathologist at Union Hospital in Fall River.

Dr. Skinner is currently the Councilor from Massachusetts for the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, a fellow of the College of American Pathologists and a member of the New England Society of Pathologists.

He and his wife, Jane, live in Newton, and Mrs. Skinner is working toward a doctorate in adult education at Boston University. They are kept busy by a three-year old grandson, David, and a five-month old granddaughter, Sharon, children of their daughter, Mrs. Jane S. Huyke, also of West Newton. Dr. and Mrs. Skinner are also the parents of two sons, Martin, a senior at the University of Rochester School of Medicine, and Jonathan, who is teaching mathematics at Hope College in Michigan.

MR. CAMPISANO

The service coordinator system marks another significant step with the selection of Mr. Peter Campisano, who will serve as the service coordinator for the Palmer Building. He is receiving his orientation by serving as the unit coordinator for the renovated Palmer IV nursing unit. Then, while working closely with Mr. Hubert D. Sycamore, he will assist in training subsequent unit coordinators, whose prime function will be to relieve nurses of their non-nursing duties and responsibilities.

Mr. Campisano's experience in hospital administration started in 1958 at Boston City Hospital, where he was an assistant evening supervisor of the emergency and accident division. This evening schedule permitted him to attend Boston University during the day, where he majored in biology with courses in public relations. After two years of this strenuous schedule, he took time off, served six months in the U.S. Army, and then toured Europe and the Middle East. In September of 1963 he went back to Boston University and his position at Boston City Hospital. He was graduated in 1965, taught until December in the Weston School System, and began working toward his masters degree in Business Administration at Northeastern University.

MR. PETER CAMPISANO

He and his wife, Sandra, formerly a sales representative for Pan American Airlines, live in Weston.

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other services were provided, and this building can now be completed without heavy additional expense for new foundations, etc. New methods of construction involving lighter weight materials, make it possible to add six new stories instead of five. Adding the six stories of patient beds and completing the building as originally planned provides a net gain of approximately 65 beds, after the beds in Deaconess are abandoned.

This proposal was carefully reviewed by a special committee of Trustees, members of the medical staff, and representatives of administration. Their unanimous decision was that the plan was inadequate, because 65 beds are not nearly enough.

Alternate proposals were studied until a new and more realistic program was finally developed. The new plan calls for widening the wing that goes toward the Deaconess Building at least 20 feet, which will enable us to have a double corridor in this area, with nursing stations, dietary and other facilities in the center core, and all of the outside space used for patient accommodations. This additional space will allow approximately 270 beds in Central Building, and will bring the total capacity of the Hospital to approximately 500 beds . . . a net gain of 130 as contrasted with the 65 additional beds in the original proposal.

Present thinking is that the sixth floor will have a new 25 bed Intensive Care Unit, a Cardiac Monitoring Unit, and other special purpose beds. Floors seven through eleven will be patient floors of 44 beds each. The new rooms will be private and two-bed, semi-private accommodations. The Recovery Room will be doubled in size, and more space will be provided for all other services presently housed in Central.

As soon as the patients can be moved out of the Deaconess Building, those areas can be revamped for a new Blood Bank, conveniently located adjacent to surgery; a new Pharmacy Laboratory, perhaps on the third floor since all patient buildings connect at this level; new classroom facilities, new locker rooms for employees, more space for the Central Stores and many other departments that are presently frozen in size because of lack of space.

A Major Campaign

The cost of the project has been estimated at $8,150,000. It will be the largest project the New England Deaconess Hospital has ever undertaken. A Fund-Raising Feasibility Study has been completed, and the campaign will get underway in the next few weeks. The Steering Committee Members for Fund Raising are: Mr. Laurens MacLure, President of the Corporation; Mr. Francis W. Capper, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Henry S. Rogerson, Treasurer; Mr. James F. Farr, Vice-President and member of the Executive Committee; Mr. Edward Dane, member of the Executive Committee; Mr. William M. Rand, Trustee; Mr. Edward Dana, member of the Corporation; Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Director; Dr. Howard F. Root, Medical Director of Joslin Clinic and a Trustee; and Dr. Lyman H. Hoyt, Dr. Kenneth Warren and Dr.

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THRIFT SHOP NEEDS MERCHANDISE

Did you get something for the holidays that you can't use? The Thrift Shop's stock is quite depleted from the Christmas rush and Mrs. Irma A. Kellner, Director of Volunteers, has made a plea for saleable merchandise. She says that bric-a-brac, china, glassware, silver and costume jewelry sell the best. Put your unwanted items to a good use. You might have just what someone else is looking for!

Donations may be left either with Mrs. Kellner at the Volunteer Office in Baker or at the Thrift Shop in Deaconess. Thrift Shop hours are 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

"If everyone in Massachusetts made an earnest resolution to go to his doctor for a health check-up in 1966, I'm sure that during the year a number of lives would be saved," Dr. William A. Meissner, president of the American Cancer Society's Massachusetts Division and Pathologist-in-Chief at New England Deaconess Hospital, said.

"Health checkups are an excellent insurance against cancer. The advantage of regular examinations is that they help to discover cancer early, when it can still be cured."

A candid picture of a group at the Christmas party. Mr. Howard A. Charbonneau is singing while Art Rubin plays the accordion.

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Lorande M. Woodruff of the Medical Staff. Mr. James V. Lavin, Mr. William C. Coppersmith and Mr. Thomas Lyman are the fund-raising counselors.

A Building Committee has also been appointed and consists of the Chairman, Mr. Elliott Henderson, Mr. Arland A. Dirlam, Mr. Casimir de Rahm, Mr. C. Vincent Vappi, Mr. Frank M. McGowan, Mr. R. D. Lowry, Mr. L. Tillman McDaniel, Dr. Cornelius E. Sedgwick, and two ex officio members, Mr. Laurens MacLure and Mr. Francis W. Capper.

The architectural firm employed is Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson and Abbott and the hospital design consultant is Dr. Anthony J. J. Rourke.

Our hospital has never been able to stand still, and once again we are "on the move." In a short time we will have even more reason to be proud of a greater New England Deaconess Hospital.

CHRISTMAS

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Mr. Vernon S. Truell begs us to pardon his back, but he is busy directing the Pathology Glee Club at the Hospital Christmas party.

made by Mr. Lloyd R. Bilton, Steward. A sleigh glittered and several yule logs with candles stood amid the many attractive and delicious "goodies."

Department Heads took turns helping Miss Rose M. DeFlora, Director of Dietetics, serve and keep the table supplied. Miss DeFlora was chairman of the Party Committee, which consisted of Mr. W. Dean Holdeman, Personnel Director, and Mr. Theodore F. Koch, Assistant Director. About 800 people attended and practically depleted the supply of refreshments.

Mr. W. Clifford Fisher, Purchasing Agent, was responsible for distributing the gifts of candy again this year. So far 1500 boxes have been issued.

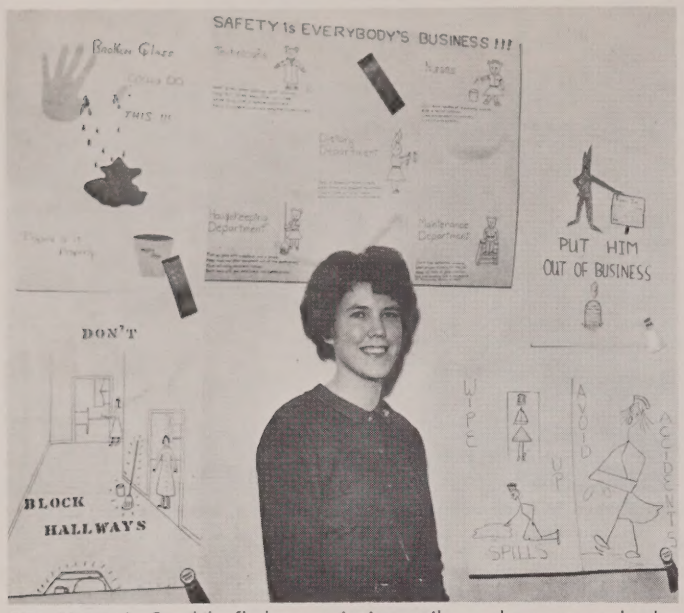
The Christmas Dinner was held on the 25th between 11:45 and 1:15 P.M. with 305 employees and their guests attending. The Dietary Employees deserve sincere congratulations for the festive meal. Mr. Bilton's decorations were used again, and included a mammoth cornucopia overflowing with fruits and nuts.

Several other parties added to the gaiety of Christmas Week, among them the Friends of the Deaconess "Open House" on Sunday, the 19th.

The profit result of the Christmas Bazaar has been reported at $1942.67. Usually more proceeds are added during January and it is hoped that the total will exceed $2000.

Mr. Theodore F. Koch, Assistant Director, ladles some bubbly brew, while Miss Rose M. DeFlora, Director of Dietetics, serves Mrs. Gertrude E. Beal, X-ray Technician, at the Christmas party.

POSTER WITH THE MOSTEST



Miss Nancy L. Goodale flashes a winning smile as she poses under her winning safety poster. Posters clockwise are: Miss McAllister's, Miss Sander's, Miss Goodale's, Miss Stone's and Miss Lockheed's.

It couldn't be done! The Safety Committee judges couldn't choose only three prize-winning safety posters from those made by the first-year nursing students. Nor could they pick twelve for display in the Hospital. They pondered and deliberated and finally decided to add two honorable mentions to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, and to put ALL the posters on display.

Nancy L. Goodale won the blue ribbon for first prize. Second place and the red ribbon went to Suzanne Sanders. Marjorie A. Stone captured the third place white ribbon, ahead of Barbara A. Lockheed and Linda J. McAllister, who both received honorable mention.

The girls made the posters under the direction of Miss Dorothy E. Hancock, Instructor of Nursing, First-Year Program, as a part of their unit on safety. Mr. Hubert D. Sycamore, Chairman of the Safety Committee, said that the posters will be displayed in prominent places throughout the Hospital.

WE WELCOME . . .

Newest full-time employees include **Deborah L. Anderson, Kelsie N. Foreman, Benjamin F. Green, Elizabeth E. Hopper,** Administrative Services; **Francis N. Puopolo,** Central Supply; **Joanne Aron, Lyndell L. Brubaker, James Canny, Thelma A. Carle, Clarencio Drago, Dorothy Ann Dutra, Cynthia I. Franklin, James E. Webster,** Dietary; **Margaret E. Ebbs, Carlos A. Garcia, Barry D. Greenspoon, Mamie L. McKinney, Minnie Mae McCoy, Richard J.Wilson,** Housekeeping; **Jose D. Diaz, Jose M. Flores, Maria M. Matos, Miguel Ayala Mercado,** Laundry; **Donald G. Carmichael, George L. Lussier,** Maintenance, **Richard T. Evans, Kathleen E. McLaughlin, Mary Misho, Ruth E. Wilson,** Pathology; **Peter P. Campisano,** Service Coordination; **Mary Barbara MacNeil,** Staff Nurse, Surgery; **Elizabeth K. Gorham,** Nursing; **Nancy J. Anderson, Carolyn Ann Wooldridge,** Licensed Practical Nurses, Nursing; **Winifred Bermingham, Linda J. Glynn, Patricia Anne Lovejoy, Charon A. Pierson, Dorothy May Reidford, Savithri Thangaraj,** all Staff Nurses, Nursing.

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experience with laboratory techniques employed in the identification of intestinal parasites. Participation in the workshop was limited to 15 pathologists and supervisory medical technologists. They were taught the fundamental procedures needed to identify the parasites of medical importance and are expected to return to their laboratories and pass on the techniques to other qualified personnel. Two more similar workshops are being scheduled for those who were unable to be accommodated during this one.

Instructors were: Dr. William A. Meissner, Pathologist-in-Chief; Dr. Bradley E. Copeland, Director of the Ciinical Pathology Department; Dr. Merle A. Legg, Pathologist; Mr. Henry L. Knopp, Administrative Assistant for Laboratories; Miss Judith Kimber, M.T. (ASCP), Miss Joanne Macdonald, M.T. (ASCP), Miss Irene McHugh, M.T. (ASCP), Miss Barbara Prime, M.T. (ASCP), Miss Anne Whitney, M.T. (ASCP); and Miss Donna Farrell and Miss Jennifer Smith, students at the School of Medical Technology of the New England Deaconess and New England Baptist Hospitals.

NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL BOWLING LEAGUE

DIVISION A

Team No.	Pinfall to date Incl. Handicap	Pts.
5—MacLean	18040	56
2—Meek	17859	51
4—Marotta	17873	50
1—Colleran	18014	47
3—Fippin	17748	42

High Singles — Jan. 6

R. D. Lowry	114
L. Gillis	113

High Singles for Year

H. Sycamore	129
S. Meek	114

High Three-String for Year

D. Sullivan	330
L. Gillis	290

High Averages for Year

R. D. Lowry	97
S. Meek	90

DIVISION B

Team No.	Pinfall to date Incl. Handicap	Pts.
10—Schraub	17907	60
11—Fisher	16537	60
8—Weeden	17848	56
6—Lee	17891	54
7—Kimber	17795	50
9—Halligan	17836	40

High Singles — Jan. 6

C. Fisher	115
J. Kimber	112

High Singles for Year

R. Peterson	137
S. Baldwin	112
J. Kimber	112

High Three-String for Year

C. Fisher	344
G. Graham	285

High Averages for Year

B. Hart	103
J. Fritsch	87
J. Kimber	87
B. Weeden	87

DIVISION C

Team No.	Pinfall to date Incl. Handicap	Pts.
15—Groark	17967	54
13—Hennessey	17699	50
12—Mazza	17844	43
16—Smith	17329	32
14—Shapiro	16665	21

High Singles — Jan. 6

G. Kramer	123
M. Hennessey	99

High Singles for Year

G. Kramer	123
M. Hennessey	106

High Three-String for Year

E. Esch	296
M. Hennessey	288

High Averages for Year

G. Makrokanis	91
M. Hennessey	87